

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
 - a base and a top;
 - a plurality of receptacles between the base and the top, each of the plurality of receptacles configured to house a microscope, where the receptacles are arranged side by side one another forming one or more rows ;
 - a plurality of docking stations~~charging devices~~, where each of the plurality of docking stations ischarging devices configured to receive a battery-powered microscope and to recharge [[a]]~~the~~ battery of [[a]]~~the~~ battery-powered microscope, where each of the plurality of charging devices and is positioned within one of the plurality of receptacles;
 - an electrical cord electrically connected to the plurality of charging devices, the electrical cord including a plug configured to mate with an electrical outlet to supply electrical power to the plurality of charging devices; and
 - one or more wheels.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[1]]14, further comprising a plurality of interior electrical receptacles electrically connected to the electrical cord, and wherein each of the plurality of charging devices comprise an AC adapter plugged into an interior electrical receptacle and electrically connected to a connector cord configured to electrically connect to a microscope.
3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[1]]14, wherein each of the plurality of

charging devices comprise a docking station positioned within a receptacle.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base and the top are substantially rectangular in shape, the apparatus further comprising:

at least two sidewalls substantially perpendicular to the base and the top.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[1]]14, further comprising:

a plurality of electrical receptacles, where each [[an]] electrical receptacle is configured to receive a plug attached to an electrical cord of a device for supplying electrical power to the device.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a cord retractor configured to retract and house the electrical cord, where the electrical cord is connected to the cord retractor and can be retracted into and at least partially housed within the cord retractor.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

one or more indicators configured to indicate a charging status of a battery-powered microscope being recharged by a docking station ~~the charging device~~.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein each of the one or more indicators comprise a light emitting diode.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of docking station~~charging devices~~ is further configured to:

determine whether a rechargeable battery is substantially fully charged; and
charge the rechargeable battery to substantially full capacity based on the determination.

10. Cancelled.

11. Cancelled.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of receptacles comprises an opening and at least four sidewalls defining an interior region for housing a microscope, the interior region accessible from the opening.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:

a movable sidewall that is substantially perpendicular to the base and the top, the movable sidewall movable between a first position wherein the openings of the plurality of receptacles are exposed and the corresponding interior regions are accessible and a second position wherein the openings of the plurality of receptacles are covered by the movable sidewall and the corresponding interior regions are inaccessible.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 12, An apparatus, comprising:~~

a base and a top;

a plurality of receptacles between the base and the top, each of the plurality of receptacles configured to house a microscope and arranged side by side one another forming one or more rows, wherein each row the plurality of receptacles [[are]] is formed in a drawer positioned between the base and the top and slidable in a plane substantially parallel to the base and the top, wherein the drawer is slidable between an open position wherein the openings of the plurality of receptacles are exposed and the corresponding interior regions are accessible and a closed position wherein the openings of the plurality of receptacles are not exposed and the corresponding interior regions are inaccessible;

a plurality of charging devices, where each of the plurality of charging devices is configured to recharge a battery of a battery-powered microscope and where each of the plurality of charging devices is positioned within one of the plurality of receptacles;

an electrical cord electrically connected to the plurality of charging devices, the electrical cord including a plug configured to mate with an electrical outlet to supply electrical power to the plurality of charging devices; and

one or more wheels.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 12, An apparatus, comprising:~~

a base and a top;
a plurality of receptacles between the base and the top and arranged side by side one another forming one or more rows, each of the plurality of receptacles configured to house a microscope, wherein each row~~the plurality~~ of receptacles [[are]] is formed in drawer positioned between the base and the top, the drawer configured to pivot between an open position wherein openings of the plurality of receptacles are exposed and the corresponding interior regions are accessible and a closed position wherein the openings of the plurality of receptacles are not exposed and the corresponding interior regions are inaccessible;

a plurality of charging devices, where each of the plurality of charging devices is configured to recharge a battery of a battery-powered microscope and where each of the plurality of charging devices is positioned within one of the plurality of receptacles;

an electrical cord electrically connected to the plurality of charging devices, the electrical cord including a plug configured to mate with an electrical outlet to supply electrical power to the plurality of charging devices; and

one or more wheels.

16. Cancelled.

17. Cancelled.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of interior electrical receptacles electrically connected to the electrical cord, and wherein each of the plurality of charging devices comprise an AC adapter plugged into an interior electrical receptacle and electrically connected to a connector cord configured to electrically connect to a microscope.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of charging devices comprise a docking station positioned within a receptacle.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

a plurality of electrical receptacles, an electrical receptacle configured to receive a plug attached to an electrical cord of a device for supplying electrical power to the device.